

<u>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</u>

In re Application of)	
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	Joel L. PASSKE, et al.)	
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Serial No. 09/887,523)	
)	Docket No. 05127.00094
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For:	FOOTWEAR WITH BLADDER FILTER)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), applicants submit the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider these documents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits. Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that no fees are due for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. If a fee is required, however, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account Number 19-0733.

Applicants respectfully request that the documents cited on the attached PTO-1449 form be made officially of record, and that a listing of the documents appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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